

MACKIE BOWLING CLUB

Club Competition Rules 2026

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Men's)

A four wood singles championship played on level terms; winner is the first to reach 21 shots. The overall winner will be entitled to play in the National Champion of Champions Tournament the following year. The championships will be on a knock out basis. No entry for these competitions will be valid if the player has entered the equivalent competition for another club.

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (Ladies')

A four wood singles championship played on level terms; winner is the first to reach 21 shots. The overall winner will be entitled to play in the National Champion of Champions Tournament the following year. The championship will be on a league basis. Players will be drawn into one of two leagues and will play other players in that league once. Two points will be awarded for the winner of each match. In the event of two or more players having the same number of points after all league matches have been played, final positions will be determined by the difference between shots scored and conceded. The winners of the respective leagues will contest the final. No entry for these competitions will be valid if the player has entered the equivalent competition for another club.

HANDICAP SINGLES (Mixed)

A four wood singles championship on handicap terms. Each entrant will be given a handicap by the Competition Committee. The difference in handicap will be given to the lower handicapped player on the first end; for example with Player A on a handicap of 4 and Player B on a handicap of 9, the difference of 5 will be awarded to Player A on the first end in addition to any shots scored. The winner is the first to 21 shots.

This competition is not open to members in their first year at Mackie Bowling Club unless a member has a previous known club playing record.

BILL LEMON CUP ('100 up')

A four wood singles competition played on level terms the winner being the first to score 100 points as follows:

On each end the nearest wood to the jack scores 4 points, second wood 3 points, third wood 2 points and fourth wood 1 point. All woods to count regardless of distance. Points accumulate to whoever's woods they are so the points can be shared 5-5, 6-4, 7-3, 8-2, 9- 1, or scored 10-0. The match only finishes when one player has accumulated 100 points; in the event of a tie extra ends will be played until a winner emerges.

PETER MACARTHUR CUP ('Roving Jack')

A two wood singles competition played on level terms over 21 ends. It is played with a roving jack which can be bowled to any part of the rink but must be not less than 1 metre from the rink side boundaries and not less than 2 metres from the ditch. If the jack comes to rest outside these distances, but still within the confines of the rink, then it is placed in the nearest position within these limits.

The winner is the player with the highest score after 21 ends but the game can be decided sooner than this if the player who is behind cannot score enough to win, bearing in mind there are only two shots to each end; e.g. if after 17 ends Player A has 19 shots and Player B 10 shots, Player B can only score a maximum of 8 further shots for a total of 18 and therefore cannot win.

JIM GREEN CUP : BEVIS CUP

A four wood singles competition played on level terms, the winner being the first to score 21 shots.

This competition is only open to members who have not previously won any club singles competition.

DRAWN PAIRS

Each player has 3 woods and the game is played over 18 ends, unless terminated early by mutual consent, the winners being the pair with the highest number of shots.

The Competition Committee will draw to match the pairs and will allocate handicaps to each player. The difference between the combined handicaps will be awarded to the lower combined handicap team on the first end in addition to any points scored. For example Team A with Player X on 4 and Player Y on 6 total 10; Team B with Player W on 8 and Player Z on 6 total 14; The difference of four shots is awarded to Team A.

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MIXED TRIPLES

Each player has 3 woods and the game is played over 18 ends, unless terminated early by mutual consent, the winners being the pair with the highest number of shots.

The Competition Committee will draw to match the teams and will allocate handicaps to each player. The difference between the combined handicaps will be awarded to the lower combined handicap team on the first end in addition to any points scored. For example Team A with Player X on 4, Player Y on 6 and Player Z on 10 total 20; Team B with Player U on 8, Player V on 6 and Player W on 9 total 23; The difference of 3 shots is awarded to Team A.

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ARTHUR BACON TROPHY ('Three Sets')

A four wood singles competition played over two sets of 7 ends with a third set tie break of up to 3 ends if necessary. In the first two sets, the winner is determined by the number of shots scored and therefore a set can be halved. The match winner will be the player gaining one and a half or two ends. In the event of both players winning one end or where both ends are tied, a 3 end tie break will be played. Each of these ends will be scored individually with the first player to win 2 ends being the overall match winner.

Possession of the jack will be determined by the toss for the first game of the first set, thereafter until the end of the set by the winner of the preceding end as usual. At the beginning of the second set the possession of the jack will pass to the player bowling second in the first set. In the event of a tie break, possession of the jack for the first end will be determined by toss with the player bowling second on the first extra end to bowl first on the second extra end and second on the third extra end if one is needed.

GENERAL RULES

The Laws of the Sport of Bowls shall apply to all games except where necessary to give effect to the variations outlined below.

ARRANGING MATCHES

It shall be the responsibility of the first named player or team to offer the opponent(s) the choice of two dates to play the match one of which should be a weekend. This offer shall be made not later than 14 days before the closing date for the first round in which the match is to be played or within 5 days of the closing date of the previous round. The opponent(s) then shall respond with 3 days accepting one of the dates or concede a walk over. These time limits may be varied by mutual agreement provided that the match is completed by or on the day specified as the closing date. The first named player or team shall book a rink for the match according to the rule on rink allocation and no practicing will be permitted on that rink on the day of the match. No competitions shall be played on Club match days or Monday Club night unless in exceptional circumstances with the consent of the Captain or the Competitions Secretary.

In singles matches, apart from the Peter MacArthur Cup, it shall be the responsibility of the first named player to arrange a marker. Failure to arrange a marker may result in that player's exclusion from the competition.

RINK ALLOCATION

Matches may only be played on the rinks in the direction and on the coloured markers indicated on the rink allocation sheets.

DRESS CODE

Regulation dress (blacks) and club shirts shall be worn at all times during competitions by players and marker. Whites may be worn on finals day.

FAILURE TO ATTEND ON TIME

If a player or team fails to attend within 15 minutes after the agreed start time the game shall be handed to the player or team that has attended on time.

DISPUTES

Any disputes that cannot be resolved amicably shall be referred to the Competition Secretary (Chris Brann) who may refer any issue to the Competitions Committee. Any decision shall be final and binding on all parties.

RESULTS

Completed score cards, which should identify the competition and players and be signed by the losing side, should be placed in the receptacle provided near the competition sheets. Players should not enter the result on the sheets which will be completed by the Competition Secretary.

AWARDS

The winner of each competition will be entitled to the appropriate award. Where a competition has been held as a mixed competition for want of sufficient entries for individual competitions and a person of that gender has not qualified for the final then the two most successful members of that gender shall play for the appropriate award on finals day. 'Most Successful' shall be determined by the stage which the member reached, followed by the points difference in their matches then by the number of ends won and if there is still equality the Competition Secretary shall decide by lot.